

Examiner's objection because such limitation is supported by the specification (see, e.g., pg. 4, lines 11-20; pg. 5, lines 2-4; pg. 8, lines 18-21; pg. 9, lines 1-11). Nonetheless, to further clarify the present invention Applicant has amended its claims as set forth below and in doing so has removed the reference to the limitation "regardless of the length of such working surface".

**B. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS.**

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 7, and 8.

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A masking apparatus for transferring images to a working surface, comprising:

(a) a mask formed from a unitary and continuous substrate, the mask having an outer surface and an inner surface; said inner surface having an adhesive disposed thereon;

(b) a backing removably affixed to said mask at said inner surface;

(c) a plurality of designs formed in said mask;

(d) said mask adapted to be removably attached to said working surface at said inner surface;

(e) wherein said mask is configured to be selectively and continuously dispensable in a generally longitudinal direction along the working surface, and to be removably, affixedly adhered along a predetermined distance of the working surface, said predetermined distance along the working surface being one of a portion of the working surface or the entire working surface such that said image can be transferred to the working surface along the entire predetermined distance without having to reposition the mask; and

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cont. (f) wherein said images that are transferred to the working surface can be positive images of the mask, negative images of the mask, or both positive and negative images of the mask.

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Please amend Claim 6 to read as follows:

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6. (Twice Amended) A masking apparatus for transferring an image to a working surface, comprising:

(a) a mask formed from a unitary and continuous substrate, the mask having an outer surface and an inner surface; said inner surface having an adhesive disposed thereon and a backing removably affixed to said mask at said inner surface;

(b) said mask having a plurality of precut designs; said designs generally repeat along at least a portion of said mask to form a design pattern; and

Q2 (c) said mask adapted to be removably attached to said working surface at said inner surface;

(d) wherein said mask is configured to be selectively and continuously dispensable in a generally longitudinal direction along the working surface, and to be removably, affixedly adhered along a predetermined distance of the working surface, said predetermined distance along the working surface being one of a portion of the working surface or the entire working surface, such that said image can be transferred to the working surface along the entire predetermined distance without having to reposition the mask; and

(e) wherein said image that is transferred to the working surface can be a positive image of the mask, a negative image of the mask, or both a positive and negative image of the mask.

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Please add the following claims:

- File 126* 11 ~~10~~. The masking apparatus of claim 1 wherein said mask is initially assembled in a roll.
- File 126* 12 ~~11~~. The masking apparatus of claim 1 wherein said substrate is formed from a low tack adhesive paper.
- File 126* 13 ~~12~~. The masking apparatus of claim 6 wherein said mask is initially assembled in a roll.
- File 126* 14 ~~13~~. The masking apparatus of claim 6 wherein said substrate is formed from a low tack adhesive paper.
- File 126* 15 ~~14~~. The masking apparatus of claim 1 wherein said working surface is at least one of a wall, wood, glass, fabric, metal, concrete, terra cotta, plaster, ceramics, stationery, a gift bag, and an envelope.
- File 126* 16 ~~15~~. The masking apparatus of claim 6 wherein said working surface is at least one of a wall, wood, glass, fabric, metal, concrete, terra cotta, plaster, ceramics, stationery, a gift bag, and an envelope.
- File 126* 17 ~~16~~. The masking apparatus of claim 1 wherein said image is transferred by application of a transfer medium comprising at least one of flat paint, satin paint, matte paint, semi gloss paint, hi gloss paint, interior and exterior paint, acrylic paint, Krylon® spray paint, Delta® perm enamel, Pebeo™ glass paint, fabric paint, fabric marker, fabric crayon, metal paint, outdoor paint,

ceramic glaze, ceramic marker, ceramic pen, ceramic paint, candle paint media, oil paint, stamp ink, a marker, embossing powder, a pen, a pencil, chalk, scissors, a razor, or a knife.

18 17. The masking apparatus of claim 6 wherein said image is transferred to said working surface by application of a transfer medium comprising at least one of flat paint, satin paint, matte paint, semi gloss paint, hi gloss paint, interior and exterior paint, acrylic paint, Krylon® spray paint, Delta® perm enamel, Pebeo™ glass paint, fabric paint, fabric marker, fabric crayon, metal paint, outdoor paint, ceramic glaze, ceramic marker, ceramic pen, ceramic paint, candle paint media, oil paint, stamp ink, a marker, embossing powder, a pen, a pencil, chalk, scissors, a razor, or a knife.

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